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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
National FOIA Office
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2310A)
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request—Lower Yazoo Basin, Mississippi

Dear FOIA Officer:

This letter is a request for records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552. Audubon Mississippi requests copies of the materials identified below relating to the Lower Yazoo Basin, Mississippi.

I am requesting the following:

1. The GIS location for each of the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (EMAP) sample points that were determined to be jurisdictional wetlands in the Lower Yazoo Basin, as depicted in Figure 6 of the June 5, 2005, EMAP Report, *An Estimate of Wetland Extent in the Lower Yazoo Basin Using an EMAP Probabilistic Sampling Design*

Because Audubon Mississippi is a non-profit organization, I request a waiver of any fees connected with this request pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A). This request is made in the public interest and the requested information can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public. The requested information will not be used for the financial or commercial benefit of Audubon Mississippi.

The requested information will be used by Audubon Mississippi to help evaluate and provide comments on any projects being considered in the Lower Yazoo Basin, and for educating our members, decision makers, and the public. This information is clearly of interest to the public because the Lower Yazoo Basin contains habitat that is essential to the nation's birds, fish, and wildlife resources, which are of fundamental concern to the public. These uses reflect Audubon Mississippi's mission and goals.

The following are some of the ways that Audubon Mississippi may disseminate the requested information to our members, decision makers, and the public:

- Using information from the materials provided to develop comments, fact sheets and/or other documents discussing the Lower Yazoo Basin;
- Including the information in letters and written testimony before Congress, and otherwise sharing the relevant information with members of Congress and their staff;

- Including the information in alerts and updates to our members and supporters;
- Utilizing the information in press releases, press advisories, and editorial board packets and distributing those materials to national, regional, and local media outlets;
- Sharing the documents and relevant information contained therein with various organizations and coalitions to share with their memberships and the public at large.

If for any reason this request for information cannot be sent free of charge, I request that I be notified immediately of the reasons for the denial and the cost that will be involved prior to any copying.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, Audubon Mississippi is entitled to all of the requested information. Should you decide all or any portion of the requested materials are not to be disclosed, please describe the material withheld and specify in detail the statutory or administrative basis for withholding that material. All segregable, non-exempt parts of the information should be provided. We reserve the right to appeal any decision to withhold information. In the event that we choose to appeal such a decision, I ask that your office provide us with a copy of the appeal procedures.

Audubon Mississippi requests a response within twenty (20) working days, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Please send the responses to Jill Mastrototaro at jill.mastrototaro@audubon.org . If you have any questions or require clarification of this request, please contact me at (504) 481-3659 or jill.mastrototaro@audubon.org .

Thank you for your consideration of and prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jill Mastrototaro
Policy Director
Audubon Mississippi